

THE
BOARDROOM

*Summer 2020 - Longboard | Central Coast
Party Like It's...*

1 Saint K: Flower Bomb 2018

100% Malvasia Bianca - French Camp Vineyard, Paso Robles - 80 cases - Wine Enthusiast: 90

275 kr

There's a reason why this is called "Flower Bomb" – and you'll see why. This follow-up to the smash hit of 2017 is from the same Paso vineyard, French Camp, which is in the highest elevation AVA in Paso. The certified organic vineyard is named after French Basque shepherds that were overtaken by armed banditos who used the rolling hills as their base until they were ousted by locals. Only 80 cases made, this Mediterranean grape dating back 2000+ years was aged half/half in acacia and stainless steel – and is completely sold out in the States. Fresh with some weight, it blends lemongrass with toasted nuts. Try it with sweet & spicy carnitas.

Best: Now-2022

1 Desparada: Wayfinder 2018

100% Chardonnay - Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley - 155 cases

CellarTracker: 93, Jyllands-Posten 92

350 kr

Bien Nacido, anyone? Yes, please! Juice from this vineyard is reserved for the best – and it shows. 10 months in about 70/30 new and neutral French oak makes for a full-bodied, but nuanced wine. Niels Lillelund, wine writer at Danish national newspaper Jyllands-Posten, said this Chard has "layer upon layer ... oak, richness ... a refreshing, minerally touch & long finish". Serve it with Chicken Dijon, crab or salmon.

Best: Now-2024

1 Herman Story: Smash City 2017

100% Pinot Noir - Bien Nacido & Murmur Vineyards, Santa Maria Valley - 288 cases

CellarTracker: 92, Galloni: 91

450 kr

24 months in 75% new, French oak, you say? About ¼ whole cluster fermentation? 15,7% alcohol? Bien Nacido Vineyard? Yes to all! As usual, the Smash City is unashamed and huge. We'll let Russell do the talking: "This Santa Maria monster of a Pinot shoots first so fast you can taste the gun metal and smoke. It's almost more than a mouthful of lead, with black and blueberries galore. It's a mushroom cloud of, well, mushrooms. On the precipice of being too much, before pulling back just short of sheer madness. If you ever find yourself between a rock and a hard place, you couldn't do better than this. Go ahead and get smashed! Splash decant into thermos."

Best: 2022-2025

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Alta Colina: Sun Worshipper 2013

*54% Mourvedre, 27% Grenache, 15% Syrah – Alta Colina Vineyard, Adelaida District, Paso Robles
280 cases - Wine Enthusiast: 92, CellarTracker: 92*

495 kr

Please welcome the inaugural release of Alta Colina's organically-farmed, Mourvèdre-based GSM, named after the sunniest slope on the high-elevation Alta Colina property from which the grapes were picked. Since its inception in 2013, it has quickly become a fan favorite. This wine is tasting so smooth and wonderful right now – and only 280 cases were made of it! It rested 18 months in 20% new/80% neutral French oak, and you'll likely note the earthiness (and leather and cigar leaves) from the Mourvèdre up front. According to Wine Enthusiast, it "is all about density and depth, with asphalt, black pepper and elderberry-crust beef-roast flavors." Of all the wines in this summer's Longboard 1, this is the most ready to enjoy now.

Best: 2020 -2022

Austin Hope: Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

*100% Cabernet Sauvignon - Paso Robles – Brand-new release
(2017 vintage was #10 on Wine Enthusiast's World Top-100)*

450 kr

This is the wine that made Austin Hope famous and put Paso Robles on the world's Cabernet map. Austin's 2015 vintage was the highest-scoring Cabernet of all time for Central Coast (97 points by Wine Enthusiast, followed up by 96 and 95 respectively for the following vintages). 2018 is known as the latest classic Cab vintage in California, so we have great hopes for this baby. The wine was gently aged for 11 months in only 10% new, French oak, and then another 3 months in 75% new, French oak. This wine is full of blue fruits and is just waiting for a good decant while the steak is cookin'.

Best: 2022-2030

Linne Calodo: Outsider 2017

75% Zinfandel, 20% Syrah, 5% Carignan – Willow Creek District, Paso Robles – 420 cases – Galloni: 95

595 kr

Following up our popular first imported vintage of Paso cult producer Linne Calodo, this year we got a few more cases of different wines – and saved the Outsider for you! This is a non-traditional Zin blend featuring Syrah and a splash of Carignan from cool Paso sites, making this a soft, complex and yet approachable wine. It was gently aged in new and neutral American oak casks. As always, Matt Trevisan nails it in his non-interfering, organically grown way - just ask Galloni (he'll say 95). Naturally, this wine is sold out everywhere except here, so this is one to save for a special occasion. Decant and enjoy!

Best: 2021 – 2027